

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 29, 2006
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	*Sonny Culbreth, Litchfield Park
*Bryant Powell, Apache Junction	Wahid Alam, Mesa
**Scott Wilken, Avondale	John Verdugo for Matt Holm, Maricopa County
Brian Rose, Buckeye	**Molly Hood, Paradise Valley
*Gary Neiss, Carefree	Chad Daines, Peoria
*Ian Cordwell, Cave Creek	Tim Tilton, Phoenix
David de la Torre, Chandler	Shawny Ekadis, Queen Creek
*Mark Smith, El Mirage	*Stacey Gubser, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
*Ken Valverde, Fountain Hills	Indian Community
*Bev Turner, Gila Bend	*Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Terry Yergan, Gila River Indian Community	Vineetha Kartha for Janice See, Surprise
Thomas Ritz, Glendale	Arlene Palisoc, Tempe
Katie Wilken, Goodyear	*Miles Johnson, Wickenburg
**Gail Acosta, Guadalupe	Ann McCracken, Valley Metro

* Not in attendance

** Participated via audioconference

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Max Enterline, Phoenix	Heidi Pahl, MAG
Robert Wilson, CAAG	Jeff Romine, MAG
Anubhav Bagley, MAG	Don Worley, MAG
Steve Gross, MAG	Harry Wolfe, MAG
	Jim Chang, Arizona School Facilities Board

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair George Pettit.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests to address the audience.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2006

No comments were provided on the minutes. It was moved by Tim Tilton and seconded by David de la Torre to approve the meeting minutes of June 27, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Methodology for Preparing July 1, 2006 Municipality Resident Population Updates

Tim Tilton, Acting Chair of the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee, reported that the Subcommittee had recommended MAG POPTAC approval of a methodology for deriving the July 1, 2006 municipality updates.

Harry Wolfe noted that the methodology uses total housing units and persons per household and occupancy rates instead of providing the figures by unit type. He added that since state law requires that MAG use the Census Survey as the base for our estimates; and since the Census Survey did not provide information by unit type, total housing units would have to be used. It was moved by Tim Tilton and seconded by Wahid Alam to unanimously approve the recommendation of the MAG POPTAC Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

5. Data Collection Activities

Heidi Pahl indicated that MAG staff continues to collect data from member agencies on general plans, general plan amendments, developments and any other reports that jurisdictions think would be useful to be included in this set of MAG socioeconomic projections. She explained that the data from the general plans and other information submitted to MAG are used in the socioeconomic model, which is then input into the transportation model. She said the results from these models help determine future transportation infrastructure needs, and that POPTAC members play a crucial role in ensuring that the data input into the model is accurate.

Heidi Pahl reviewed an attachment that summarized all the documents collected from member agencies from January 1, 2006 to July 31, 2006. Ms. Pahl stated that in the near future, MAG would send member agencies an e-mail with a list of the documents submitted to MAG so that the contact person could verify the accuracy and completeness of this data.

Ms. Pahl noted that for calendar year 2005 MAG received 139 total documents and in the first 7 months of this year MAG had already received 137 documents. She thanked members for submitting their data to MAG.

Heidi Pahl said that every 6 months MAG will send the collected data to member agencies for review and at year end MAG will send agencies the complete list of data submitted to MAG with maps analyzing this data.

6. MAG Socioeconomic Projections

Anubhav Bagley reported that MAG is preparing for the next set of socioeconomic projections. He added that MAG has distributed 2004 and build-out data for member agencies, and is evaluating the comments received and making revisions to the data as needed.

Mr. Bagley said that the buildout is needed for a number of special studies that MAG is undertaking. He said that in September DES will be preparing a new projections control total and that MAG would use the revised projections in developing new subregional projections.

7. 2007 Boundary and Annexation Survey

Harry Wolfe indicated that in January 2007, the Census Bureau will be distributing its 2007 Boundary and Annexation Survey maps. He said that the updates are used for the subsequent annual American Community Survey and the next decennial Census.

Mr. Wolfe stated that MAG is collaborating with the Census Bureau to ensure that the Boundary and Annexation Survey maps are sent to the appropriate contact within each jurisdiction. He also mentioned that MAG would be holding a 2007 Boundary and Annexation Survey Workshop in February 2007 to coordinate member agency annexation submittals to the Census Bureau.

8. Impact of Annexations on Distribution of State Shared Revenue

Harry Wolfe noted that members of the MAG POPTAC had inquired whether population that was annexed into a jurisdiction subsequent to the 2005 Census Survey would be used to compute the distribution of state shared revenue for that jurisdiction. Mr. Wolfe explained that the population in newly annexed areas could be used in the distribution of state-shared revenue if:

1. The population in the annexed area was counted in the April 1, 2000 Decennial Census (April 1, 2000).
2. The Census Bureau prepares a new certified April 1, 2000 population figure for the jurisdiction which includes the population in the annexed area.
3. The Census Bureau sends a letter to the Arizona Department of Revenue transmitting the newly certified April 1, 2000 census figure.

Mr. Wolfe added that jurisdictions that wanted to update their April 1, 2000 population figure based on the population in a newly annexed area, would need to submit a request to the Census Bureau through the Geographically Updated Population Certification Program (GUPCP). He noted that the cost incurred by the jurisdiction for having the Census Bureau update and prepare a certified April 1, 2000 census figure ranged from approximately \$700 to \$9,000.

Mr. Wolfe mentioned that the actual cost of the GUPCP request would depend upon whether it was fulfilled as a part of the regular Census Bureau Boundary and Annexation Survey program; or whether an expedited request (response three months from date of formal request) was needed. It was noted that jurisdictions that chose to use the BAS process would need to wait until October of the calendar year in which the BAS takes place.

David de la Torre asked when the recomputed figure would be used by the Department of Revenue in recalculating the jurisdictions population for revenue-sharing. Harry Wolfe responded that the Department of Revenue would begin to use the new number upon its receipt from the Census Bureau.

Wahid Alam asked whether the Department of Revenue would automatically use the recomputed Census figure once it had been issued by the Census Bureau.

Harry Wolfe responded that the jurisdiction making the GUPCP request would need to have the Census Bureau send the Department of Revenue a letter with the recertified population figure.

9. Other Relevant Census Products

Harry Wolfe discussed three important Census products: annual population estimates, the American Community Survey and the Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) program.

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Census Bureau prepares July 1 resident population annually for cities and towns based upon a monthly Census Bureau survey on the number of residential permits issued. He added that draft estimates are forwarded to the Arizona Federal State Cooperative Population Estimates program for review. Mr. Wolfe said he would look into the process used to solicit local input on the estimates.

Harry Wolfe reviewed the American Community Survey. He highlighted the fact that the 2005 ACS was the first time that the Census Bureau had released data below the County level of geography. The 2005 ACS covered all places with a population of 65,000 or greater.

A sample set of tables were distributed which identified demographic, social and economic characteristics for a selected jurisdiction. Mr. Wolfe said that the ACS would include smaller cities in subsequent years.

David de la Torre asked whether American Community Survey provide data at lower levels of geography. Harry Wolfe responded that he would look into the matter.

10. Census 2010

Harry Wolfe reported that the Census Bureau is making preparations for Census 2010. He said that In October of this year, federal funds would be made available to initiate a number of programs that will be needed to conduct Census 2010.

Mr. Wolfe indicated that the Census Bureau Denver staff requested that they conduct a workshop on Census 2010 with MAG member agencies. He stated that the workshop would last for approximately two hours. The Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday October 24, 2006.

11. Economic Update

Jeff Romine presented an economic update focused on current data and information affecting the local economy. He reviewed national indicators, such as housing activity, employment levels, announcements, oil and fuel prices, cost of living, and inflation and interest rates and discussed their implications for the national economy.

12. Next Meeting of the MAG POPTAC

George Pettit said that the next meeting of the MAG POPTAC will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 26, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25